

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 722

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Robert O. Burleson for  
laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their personal and professional efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Robert Burleson, a native and lifetime resident of Roan Mountain; he has dedicated his life to enhancing the lives of those in his community; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding individual served the fine citizens of this great state with rare acumen and alacrity as a State Representative for six years and a State Senator for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burleson was educated in the local school systems of East Tennessee; he further pursued his academic goals by receiving a degree from Lees MaCrae College and subsequently attended East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he responded to his patriotic call to duty and served in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Robert Burleson has been a self-employed businessman for 44 years; he entered the restaurant business and was an active and dedicated member of the esteemed profession for 33 years; and

WHEREAS, his estimable career and love for the business began with his devoted mother, Virgie, who operated The Village Restaurant in Roan Mountain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burleson's astute management skills and restaurant experience were used to develop the local favorites, Bob's Dairyland in Roan Mountain, Big B in Hampton, and O'dellys in Elizabethton; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man's expertise was recognized in 1996 when he was awarded the Restaurateur of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his professional dedication extends beyond his praiseworthy establishments; since 1990, he has served on the Board of Directors of the TTR, and is presently the President of the Tennessee Restaurant Association; and

WHEREAS, Robert Burleson epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burleson is most grateful for the love and encouragement he has shared with his wife Gail since 1959; he is the proud parent of four children, Todd, Victor, Julian, and Scarlett, and grandfather of seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Burleson for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Robert O. Burleson, former State Representative and Senator, esteemed businessman, and consummate friend, and commend him for his service to the state of Tennessee. We extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.